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SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it a fact that as a concession for giving up the claim for a separate food zone, the Central Government agreed to supply the entire requirements of rice of our State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such thing.

Electricity tariff rates

* 306 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the increase or decrease in income per year that will be derived by the Government under the revised electricity tariff rates?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The additional revenue per annum that will be derived by the State Electricity Board is estimated to be about Rs. 70 lakhs. This is based on the revenue realised during 1958–59.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இப்படி உயர்த்திய மின்சார கட்டணத்தை குறைப்பதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : இதைப்பற்றி பல இடங்களிலிருந்து கோரிக்கைகள் வந்திருக்கின்றன. அதையெல்லாம் பரிசீலனை செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறோம்.

Lorry booking agencies

* 318 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras State Lorry Owners' Association, Tiruchirappalli Branch, gave a memorandum to the Hon. the Minister on 28th May 1959 requesting the introduction of the system of licensing Lorry Booking agencies; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have decided to license lorry booking agents. They have published necessary draft amendments to the rules. The question of confirming them is under consideration.

City traffic islands

* 320 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Highways Research Station of the State Government in Guindy has drawn up fresh designs for some of the traffic islands on the City roads for orderly movement of traffic; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) & (*b*) The Director, Highways Research Station has submitted to the Chief Engineer (Highways) fresh designs for the formation of traffic islands in the following places—

(1) G.S.T. Road and Mount-Poonamallee Road intersection.

(2) Mount Road, Eldams Road and Theagaraya Road intersection.